

HB 2418 -- EMINENT DOMAIN POWER OF UTILITIES

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This bill prohibits electric utilities from exercising the power of eminent domain if the project is:

- 1) Proposed and built outside a regulated regional transmission planning process;
- 2) Not eligible for recovery of cost under a regional transmission operator or independent system operator tariff for transmission service it provides;
- 3) Constructed entirely with private funds and the users of the line pay for the transmission line; or
- 4) Primarily involves construction of a high-voltage direct current transmission line.

The bill does not apply to a transmission line, wire, or cable that primarily provides electricity through alternating current and is used by rate regulated electric utilities, municipal electric utilities, or rural cooperatives, or electric transmission owners to provide electric service, for compensation, to the public or certain entities specified in the bill.